Recognition to service associations of KVS

*231. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided that the qualifying member-ship-strength required for the grant of de-jure recognition to its service associations be enhanced from the existing 15 per cent to 35 per cent:

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has adopted the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the Central Civil Services (Representation of Service Association) Rules 1993 notified on the 5th November, 1993, a service association is eligible for recognition if it inter-alia represents a minimum 35 per cent of the total number of a category of employees provided that where there is only one association which commands more than 35 per cent membership, another with second highest membership may be recognised if it commands at least 15 per cent membership. The minimum membership has been prescribed to ensure that recognised associations have wide membership and a representative character.

(c) Not yet, Sir.

Education on aids in school curriculum

*232. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for including subject material on AIDS in the school curriculum for imparting education on AIDS:

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:

(c) by when the AIDS education will be included in the school textbooks; and

(d) whether Government have produced a training manual on the subject for the teachers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Information on AIDS is already incorporated in textbooks of Science subjects published by the NCERT for secondary and higher secondary stages.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous body under the administrative control of Ministry of Human Resource Development, is entrusted with the task of on-going improvement and modernisation of school curriculum at the national level. The NCERT organised a National Seminar on Adolescence Education at New Delhi in April 12-13, 1993. The Seminar made recommendations for reinforcement of all the components of adolescence education including that of AIDS at upper primary, secondary and higher seondary stages. The NCERT has initiated steps for the development of materials for the purpose. However, no training material for teachers on AIDS education has been developed so far.

Almost the entire school system of the country is controlled by the respective State Governments. At the State level, the design and improvement of school curriculum are done by the State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs) and the State Boards of School Education. Since inclusion of any fresh material in the school textbooks of the States requires concurrence of the SCERTs and State Boards, it is not possible to lay down any time limit for inclusion of appropriate material of AIDS education in School textbooks for the State School Systems.

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*233 SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-